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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is a U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
entitled: Device for Coupling Writing Utensils

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and including:

- ☒ Six (6) pages of description (before the claims);
- ☒ Two (2) pages of claims ((10) total claims; (1) independent claims);
- ☒ One (1) Sheet of Abstract;
- ☒ Four (4) sheets of drawings including Figures 1-4.

1. Also enclosed are:

- ☐ executed Declaration
- ☐ Application Data Sheet
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- ☐ Power to Prosecute
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08A
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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- ☒ Return receipt postcard  
☐ Other:

2. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first heading the following paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and/or 365 to \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

A certified copy of the priority application ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.

3. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first heading the following paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

4. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first heading the following paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

5. The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
Total Claims	10	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	00.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$86.00	00.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00					00.00
Total Application Fee					770.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims Small Entity Status (subtract 50% of Total Application Fee)					385.00
Other fees: (specify)					.00
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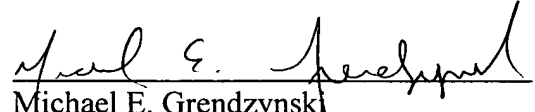
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